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am pretty naive sometimes because I'll have to tell you I was very disappointed and hurt when the Governor stabbed me with the red pen, because if you paid any attention to that over...that veto message almost half of it was things that I want...I had introduced and had asked for. But the Nebraska... I am passing around a handout about the libraries. It...the \$150,000 does...is a relatively small amount of money. It does go into the base and it does help the budget of the Library Commission. But several bills that are helping rural Nebraska were passed by the Legislature this year and much of the "dot com" economic boon...boom has bypassed rural Nebraska, and so I'm going to let you read the rest of that yourself but what I want to point out to you is the libraries are where it's at as far as the average person is concerned. Most people do not own a high-powered computer that has...that puts you on the Internet and gives you a lot of possibilities and information that you can get at home. The average person doesn't have a computer like that. I have a TV, a web TV that gives me certain things have one. and I have a word processor, but I do not have the rest of Those computers can cost anywhere from \$1,500 up and a lot of families cannot...a lot of families cannot afford that. So the library in each city and village, and there are libraries in small towns across this state, the library is where you get that information. And the interlibrary loan of books and other pieces of information are...is very important to this state. So I'm not going to lecture you a long time about it. I just think you have to use...this is only \$150,000 and it would help a lot, it would help across the state. It isn't...it isn't Lincoln and I'm talking about. I'm talking about the smaller towns and the primary cities, so if you would read what I have handed If you have any questions I'll leave it there for a few minutes and see what happens. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Discussion on this override motion? Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I am not going to speak directly to this motion other than to respond to some issues that Senator Raikes raised and Senator Wickersham about the Cash Reserve Fund, because I would like to remind everyone that it was just a few years ago that our Cash Reserve Fund was at zero and we had to work very hard to put money into the Cash Reserve